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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS FOR THE
ANTELOPE VALLEY GANG VIOLENCE SUPPRESSION PROGRAM
(FIFTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request Board approval authorizing the Sheriff of Los Angeles County (County) to execute various agreements for the Antelope Valley Gang Violence Suppression (AVGVS) Program, funded by the Local Law Enforcement Services Account (LESA) as part of Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-12 Public Safety Realignment (PSR) funds. These funds are distributed by the California State Controller's Office (SCO) and will be contingent upon the availability of funds.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Sheriff, as an agent for the County, to (1) execute Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) and/or Operational Agreements for the AVGVS Program with participating agencies governing the policies and procedures for the operation of AVGVS Program and to transfer FY 2011-12 PSR funds to the participating agencies, which include the County Probation Department (Probation), County District Attorney's Office (DA), United Community Action Network (UCAN), and Antelope Valley Union High School District (AVUHSD) for reimbursement of personnel costs; and (2) execute amendments to such agreements as necessary for the administration and continuation of the AVGVS Program.
2. Delegate authority to the Sheriff to enter into and amend all AVGVS Program agreements funded by PSR funds in future fiscal years, including but not limited to, funding agreements, operational agreements, MOUs, joint operational agreements, and/or contracts with other County and public entities as necessary or desirable to support the AVGVS Program, provided PSR funds are available.

3. Delegate authority to the Sheriff or his designee to execute reimbursement requests as necessary for the AVGVS Program as funded by PSR.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain Board approval to delegate authority to the Sheriff to execute various agreements for the administration and continuation of the AVGVS Program. The AVGVS Program requires the collaborative efforts of these four agencies, which focus on law enforcement, prosecution, probation, education, and prevention. The primary purpose of this Program is to reduce the level of gang violence in the Antelope Valley area and divert dangerous gang activity into a more positive and constructive behavior.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) has received PSR funds in the amount of \$474,423 for the AVGVS Program. These funds will be used to pay overtime to Department personnel, sworn and professional, and for services provided by the participating agencies.

The funding allocation is provided below for each participating agency.

Department Funding Allocation Total - \$299,423

- Salary and Employee Benefits, overtime only (sworn and professional employees) - \$299,423

Participating Agency Funding Allocation Total - \$175,000

- DA - \$50,000
- Probation - \$50,000
- UCAN - \$50,000
- AVUHSD - \$25,000

Background

The Department is in its 11th year of receiving grant funds from the California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA). The LESA fund is derived from a combination of the Vehicle License Fee (VLF) paid on automobile registrations and a Special Fund Sales Tax, and is therefore contingent upon revenue generated.

In previous years, the delegation of authority for the Sheriff to execute grant awards and to perform all further tasks necessary for the completion of the AVGVS Program was sought at the time of the Board's acceptance of the AVGVS grant funds. Since the funds are now distributed through LESA, this separate Board action is required.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan, Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness, by combining a multi-component group directed at reducing the prevalence of gang activity in the Antelope Valley area; and Goal 3, Integrated Services Delivery, by implementing and developing an effective and strategic approach to reducing the crime and nuisance issues associated with gang activities, and improving the safety of residents of the Antelope Valley.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to net County costs. The PSR funds will be distributed directly to the County's Auditor-Controller (AC) on a quarterly basis contingent upon the availability of SCO funds for the AVGVS Program.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Beginning with FY 2011-12, PSR funds were distributed directly from the SCO to the County's AC on a quarterly basis, and will be contingent upon the availability of SCO funds for the AVGVS Program.

This Board letter has been reviewed by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The Alternate Public Defender stated acceptance of these funds will continue to increase their workload and believes they can manage this impact with their current resources. The Public Defender stated this program will have a minimal impact on their services. No response was received from the DA.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return two copies of the adopted Board letter to the Department's Grants Unit.

Sincerely,



LEROY D. BACA
Sheriff

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